

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Objection to the specification:

The disclosure is objected to because paragraph 8, line 6 should be changed from “many detracts” to “many detractions”. Appropriate correction is required.

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Response:

Paragraph [0008] of the specification has been amended to correct this informality. Acceptance of the corrected specification is respectfully requested.

10 2. Rejection of claims 1, 10, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

Claims 1, 10, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

15 **Response:**

Claims 1, 10, and 19 have been amended to correct these deficiencies.

20 Claim 1 now states that “the top surface of the front half and the top surface of the back half of the main body join with no gap between them”.

Claim 10 now removes mention of the adjective “smooth”, and replaces the term “front half” with “main body”.

25 Claim 19 clarifies that there is only one flat surface, and this flat surface is formed by the first bottom side and the second bottom side.

30 No new matter is added through any of these claim amendments, and reconsideration of claims 1, 10, and 19 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-14, 16, 17, 19-22, 24, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e):

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-14, 16, 17, 19-22, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35
5 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hesley et al. (US 6,489,947).

Response:

Independent claims 1, 10, and 19 have been amended to overcome these
rejections. In addition, claims 8, 17, and 25 have been amended to correct
10 grammatical errors.

Claims 1, 10, and 19 have been amended to include limitations previously
found in dependent claims 3-4, 12-13, and 20-21, respectively. The claims now
recite that the housing comprises two extending arms that extend from the
15 upper cover and have the main body positioned between the two
extending arms, for fixing the main body under the upper cover.
Additionally, the claims state that when the main body is under the
housing, the front of the two extending arms of the housing is **flush
with the front of the main body**. These limitations are supported in
20 Figure 3 of the instant application, and no new matter is added.

On the other hand, Hesley teaches a cursor control section 201 that
slides under a hand support section 210 for adjusting the length of the mouse.
Hesley teaches that thumb support region 224 that is similar to the claimed
25 extending arms. However, the front of the thumb support region 224 is **not flush
with the front of the cursor control section 201** and instead is well behind the
front of the cursor control section 201. This is clearly shown in Figures 2A and
2B of Hesley.

30 Therefore, Hesley fails to teach the structure of the claimed pointing device

as recited in claims 1, 10, and 19. Consequently, the applicant submits that claims 1, 10, and 19 are patentable over the cited prior art.

5 Furthermore, claims 2-5, 7, 8, 11-14, 16, 17, 20-22, 24, and 25 are dependent on claims 1, 10, and 19, and should be allowed if their respective base claims are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-14, 16, 17, 19-22, 24, and 25 is therefore respectfully requested.

4. Rejection of claims 6, 15, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

10 Claims 6, 15, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hesley et al. (US 6,489,947) in view of Iwasaki (US 7,119,791).

Response:

15 Claims 6, 15, and 23 are dependent on claims 1, 10, and 19, and should be allowed if their respective base claims are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 6, 15, and 23 is therefore respectfully requested.


20 In view of the claim amendments and the above arguments in favor of patentability, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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